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WRITTEN OPINION OF THE
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1. This opinion contains indications relating to the following items:

- ☒ Cont. No. I Basis of the opinion
- ☐ Cont. No. II Priority
- ☐ Cont. No. III Non-establishment of opinion with regard to novelty, inventive step and industrial applicability
- ☐ Cont. No. IV Lack of unity of invention
- ☒ Cont. No. V Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement
- ☐ Cont. No. VI Certain documents cited
- ☐ Cont. No. VII Certain defects in the international application
- ☐ Cont. No. VIII Certain observations on the international application

2. FURTHER ACTION

If a demand for international preliminary examination is made, this opinion will be considered to be a written opinion of the International Preliminary Examining Authority ("IPEA") except that this does not apply where the applicant chooses an Authority other than this one to be the IPEA and the chosen IPEA has notified the International Bureau under Rule 66.1bis(b) that written opinions of this International Searching Authority will not be so considered.

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Continuation No. I

Basis of the opinion

1. With regard to the **language**, this opinion has been established on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed.

Continuation No. V

Reasoned statement under Rule 43bis.1(a)(i) with regard to novelty, inventive step or industrial applicability; citations and explanations supporting such statement

1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims ----	NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims ----	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims 1-10	YES
	Claims ----	NO

2. Citations and explanations:

Novelty:

The cited literature shows the preparation and the use of reverse osmosis membranes. There could not be found a preparation method for a TFC reverse osmosis membrane using interfacial polymerisation of an amine aqueous solution and amine-reactive compound with post treatment of the polyamide layer by contacting with an aqueous solution containing a polyfunctional tertiary alcohol amine. So the subject-matters of the present application are new, since they are not totally described in the cited literature.

Inventive step:

The resulting advantageous effects of the preparation method for a TFC reverse osmosis membrane using interfacial polymerisation of an amine aqueous solution and amine-reactive compound with post treatment of the polyamide layer by contacting with an aqueous solution containing a polyfunctional tertiary alcohol amine, as claimed could not be foreseen, therefore the subject matters claimed meet the requirements of inventiveness.

Industrial applicability:

The industrial applicability of the preparation method of the polyamide thin film composite reverse osmosis membrane, of the present application is self-evident.